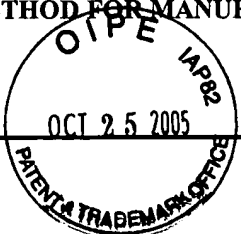



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In response to the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated August 31, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted concurrently along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.